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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 697

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. U.G. "Curly" Trivett,
Jr. of Johnson City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. U.G. Trivett, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, U.G. "Curly" Trivett, Jr. was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, the son of U.G. Trivett, Sr. and Juanita Trivett Bruce, "Curly" was a lifetime resident of Johnson City, and was a highly respected member of that fine community; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Science Hill High School in 1939, Mr. Trivett attended East Tennessee State Teacher's College and was a member of the Executive Council at Milligan College; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, Curly responded to his country's call to duty by serving as a flight instructor in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trivett was a self-employed businessman who was involved in many successful business ventures during his life; he was an electrical and plumbing contractor for

seven years, an owner of a Dairy Queen franchise for ten years, and a developer and manager of government-assisted housing programs for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Curly contributed his numerous talents to National Association of Home Builders, of which he served on the National Board for Elderly Housing. He also selflessly donated his time as a board member of the Haven of Mercy and as a board member, director, and organizer of the Knoxville Apartment Council, in addition to serving on the Johnson City Regional Planning Commission and the Johnson City Building Codes Review Board; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded man whose benevolent nature knew no bounds, Mr. Trivett was a 50-year member of the Johnson City Masonic Lodge No. 486, of which he was a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Jericho Shrine Temple and East Tennessee Christian Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Curly will perhaps best be remembered for his support of the Appalachian Christian Camp, of which he was closely associated prior to becoming a member of the Camp's board; and

WHEREAS, known for his love and passion for children, Mr. Trivett paid for the building of the first dormitory at the Camp and spearheaded several other projects, including the purchase of adjoining land for further expansion and new additions to accommodate winter activities, in addition to the regular summer activities; and

WHEREAS, he unselfishly used his own money to pay for children to attend camp that otherwise could not afford it. He also took youngsters from a children's home in Elizabethton to the Appalachian Fair and paid for their rides and refreshments, in addition to buying shoes for children in Washington County, whose parents could not afford to buy new shoes; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Trivett proved himself to be a diligent upholder of the great volunteer tradition of the State of Tennessee by dedicating his life to the development and prosperity of the community in which he was reared and loved; and

WHEREAS, U.G. Trivett was an active and devout member of the First Christian Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a charter member and as a past president of the Mr. and Mrs. Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, "Curly" was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, U.G. Trivett enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of 57 years, Violet W. Trivett and was the proud father of two sons, U. Grant Trivett, III, and Tyler W. Trivett; and one daughter, Ann Trivett Mancebo. He was also the doting grandfather of Leanne, Jenny, and Brittney Trivett ; and Lino and Ana Mancebo; and

WHEREAS, he will be missed by his brother, Melvin Trivett; his sister, Sherri Trivett Kay; his stepmother, Lenos Trivett; his three nephews, Michael Trivett, Stephen Long, and Allen Long; and his niece, Susan Long Rich; and

WHEREAS, Curly leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. U.G. "Curly" Trivett, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of U.G. Trivett, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

